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## Bridge program provides chance to get ahead

BY TYLER KES  
NEWS EDITOR

While many students at Marshall University take summer classes so they won't have to take them in the fall, students enrolled in the Summer Bridge Program are here so they can take certain classes.

The Bridge Program is designed to help students who would normally be in the ENG 099, MTH 098 and MTH 099 courses with their English and math skills.

At the end of the program,

students have the opportunity to test into 100 level classes.

"The Summer Bridge Program was conceived as one of the components of our retention effort," Rudy Pauley, the associate vice president for Outreach and Continuing Studies said. "We want students when they come to Marshall to stay here and be successful in obtaining their degree. The Bridge Program targets students and gives them an opportunity for those who want to

jumpstart their math and English skills, to take math and English workshops and perhaps test out of certain levels of math and English and get a jumpstart on their semester and their college career."

The concept of the Bridge Program originated last fall, after seeing the success other schools had with the idea.

What sets Marshall's Bridge Program apart is the fact that it is entirely free.

The university is offering

students, for whom commuting is not an option, a place in the dorms, as well as providing lunch every day.

"It is much less expensive, in the long run, to retain students than recruit them," Dr. Pauley said. "Anything we can do to retain, we want to pursue that. It is not credit bearing, so they're not getting credit. Free is a relative term. It doesn't count for anything except skill enhancement."

Students in the Bridge Program start at 9 a.m. and

let out around 1:30 p.m.

Each session is from Monday to Thursday for two weeks.

So far class sizes have been relatively small, with about 11 students in each section.

That makes things easier on the teachers.

"We had set the class limit at 24, and now that I have 10 students, I can't imagine what it would be like to have 24," Shannon Miller, math instructor, said. "I think it would be way too much to

manage with the type of activities we're doing."

The Summer Bridge Program should eliminate some of the pressures on the professors who teach developmental math courses, which regularly have 1200 students enrolled over the course of a year.

The next session begins July 23.

Students interested can register by calling the Office of Recruitment or online.

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## THE NIGHT SHIFT

### Marshall custodians pull late hours to keep university clean

BY JOHN GIBB  
MANAGING EDITOR

Tim Cline, assistant supervisor of campus service workers at Smith Hall, has been in the custodial business for 36 years and said he has never had a dull moment.

Although Cline has decades of service under his belt, he has only been at Marshall University for five years, stating he did not choose the career, it chose him.

Night custodians are obligated to work from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., meaning many custodians are away from their loved ones around the time many families would be gathering for their evening meal.

"You get used to it," Cline said. "We get the weekends and holidays that we get to spend quality time with our families."

For Campus Service Worker Terry Kates, his wife wants him home every night but like Cline, he gets used to it over time.

"I don't dislike anything about my job," Kates said. "I am getting older and although the amount of hours can get overwhelming, I enjoy what I do."

During the summer months, custodial activities do not come to an abrupt halt. Cline said although most students have left, the custodians begin their "scrub season," in which floors are buffed and scrubbed to perfection during the summer months.

"The summer is usually a little more laid back," Cline said. "We clean floors and when I get finished with a floor and look back at the work I have completed, I get a sense of pride as all my hard work had paid off."

Cline said more than 30 custodial night workers are employed by Marshall. The university does not employ custodial workers for all facilities because custodial duties are contracted out to private companies for facilities such as the John Deaver Drinko Library, the Recreation Center and Harris Hall.

Some custodial duties go above and beyond what is considered the norm. Some custodians, like Phillip "Dave" Adkins, have to get their hands dirty to get even

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John Hall works the night shift at Smith Hall. He is one of about 30 night shift custodians that the university employs.

## Pharmacy program takes step toward accreditation

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Marshall University's School of Pharmacy took another step towards accreditation Wednesday, when the program was granted Precandidate accreditation status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

"This achievement is a momentous one, one that is on the level approaching that of the founding of the School of Medicine," Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said. "It should be a source of great pride for all who care about Marshall and the future of those we serve."

The Precandidate accreditation means that the university can begin enrolling students in the program.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the ACPE will send another evaluation team, to decide whether the school should move to the next step in the accreditation process, which is Candidate accreditation.

"The faculty and staff of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy have been working diligently to develop an outstanding curriculum and educational program," said Kevin Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., inaugural dean of the School of Pharmacy. "We are excited

to begin educating this fine next generation of talented pharmacists, here at Marshall University."

During the accreditation process, the ACPE made it obvious that they would not be accepting schools often, and are looking for schools that meet a certain level of standards.

"We have met those standards and will continue to do so," Kopp said.

The School of Pharmacy, which is located at the Huntington VA Medical Center, began in 2009 when the Board of Governors voted for it unanimously.

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# Tour de PATH riding through Huntington

**Shane Arrington**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

An all levels community bike ride in support of the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health is scheduled for Saturday, July 7.

The Tour de PATH is a casual ride is geared toward everyone and is meant to raise awareness for cycling in the city of Huntington.

“Fire and foremost I think it’s important for people to know this is a casual event,” said Stacy Garrett, event spokesperson. “The focus here is to bring the community together not only to promote cycling but also healthy living.

The event features

multiple routes for all ages to enjoy. An optional, but recommended safety briefing begins at 9:30 a.m. with the main event beginning at Heritage Station at 10:00 a.m.

Multiple Marshall University departments will be supporting Tour de PATH. Information Technology Services is donating bags, wristbands, as well as helping with the logistics of the event.

The Sustainability Department will also participate. They will set up a tent to promote sustainable living, which includes biking and will give out reusable Band-aid dispensers.

“Part of being sustainable

is being healthy and cutting down on carbon emissions,” said Margie Phillips, sustainability director. “Biking is one of the main ways to do this. I think it’s great this event is taking place in Huntington. Anything that helps make the community aware greener ways to do this is wonderful.”

Phillips also said Oasis, makers of bottle fill attachments found on many Marshall water fountains, will be providing bottle fill stations.

“It is beyond great that Oasis is providing this service to the event,” she said. “We will also be helping by providing reusable bottles riders can

fill at the stations.”

Another incentive for riders is a coupon booklet with special event-day offers. Garrett said the booklet was developed in an effort to get downtown business involved in the event. She said that part worked, now she just hopes the riders use their coupons after they complete their rides.

All money raised from the Tour de PATH will go to the further development of the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health.

Participants can register online at [www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com). The cost is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. Forms also can be printed

and submitted to Tour de PATH c/o RTI Foundation, P.O. Box 5425, Huntington, WV 25703. The Cabell County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, located at Heritage Station, 210 11th St., Huntington, will accept cash and check registrations.



## News briefs

### Cabell Library Offering Free Movie Viewing

The Cabell County Library will be showing the movie “UP” Saturday, June 30 at 2p.m at the main library.

The event is free to attend, and popcorn will be served.

### American Heart Association Event to be Held in Ashland

The American Heart Association HeartChase will be on Saturday, June 30 at 9a.m.

The event requires teams to solve clues and complete challenges across the city of Ashland.

All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

### Women’s Club to have Monthly Meeting

The Democratic Women’s Club of Cabell County’ monthly luncheon will be on Saturday, June 30 at 12:30p.m. at the Pea Ridge United Methodist Church in HUNtington.

Tish Chafin and Robin Davis, candidates for the West Virginia Justice of Supreme Court of Appeals will be guest speaking.

The cost of attendance is \$13.

# T-SHIRT COMPANY BOASTS LOCAL “BRAND”



**BY TYLER KES**  
NEWS EDITOR

A new t-shirt company has pulled into Heritage Station.

Brand Yourself, one of the more recent additions to the Heritage Village, offers customers a chance to buy merchandise with one of the company’s local designs, or one of their own.

“There really isn’t anywhere that focuses on Huntington based material,” said Chris Wallace, owner of the company.

“Most cities you go to they’ll have places that you can go to and they’ll have magnets/ cozies/ shirts that are all focused on that city or region but we really didn’t have that. So we thought we’d come up with some cool shirts just focusing on the region and/ or the state, to shed some positive light on the area instead of what you see out there.”

Besides focusing on the Huntington area, one of the other things that sets

Brand Yourself apart is the fact that there is no minimum quantity customers have to order.

“With most t-shirt printing companies they do silk screens, which takes a huge amount of time and cost in set-up,” Wallace said. “We can just print one or two at a time and there really isn’t that big of a set-up or design time. It’s going to take about 15-30 seconds to print a shirt. There isn’t a set-up time, which is different from most t-shirt

companies in the area, so quantity isn’t a big issue.”

The company offers a variety of colors and shirt materials in its efforts to provide as many options as possible.

“We have regular cotton tees, it’s the cheapest but they are still really nice,” said Sarah Wallace, an employee at the company. “The American Apparel and the Dri-FIT are more expensive. Eventually we will have hoodies. We have

tote bags and we have reusable shopping bags.

They are re-do cotton. We have blue and green, which can either be for Marshall or for those of us who are eco-friendly. So we have canvas and black and matte.”

Brand Yourself is open from 11a.m. until 7p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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# Professors unsure about fate of Obamacare in Supreme Court

**By Maya Jonas-Silver and Pety E. Menz**  
HARVARD CRIMSON, HARVARD U. VIA UWIRE

As the Supreme Court nears judgment day on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, professors at Harvard and other colleges said that the act was constitutional but were unsure what ruling the nation’s highest court would make by Thursday.

The PPACA, informally called “Obamacare,” would serve as one the largest overhauls of the healthcare system in America. In debating whether the bill would pass or not, professors especially contested how the justices would vote.

“My prediction is that it will be five-four against the constitutionality of the

mandate,” said Harvard Law School professor Richard D. Parker.

Parker predicted that Associate Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, and Chief Justice John G. Roberts would vote against the act. But other scholars, however, were less certain.

“Kennedy is kind of a loose cannon,” said Yale Law School professor Robert A. Burt. “Sometimes he’s quite formalistic and sometimes there’s something about a case that grabs him about human suffering.”

Law School professor Laurence H. Tribe said that he expected both Kennedy and Chief Justice Roberts to join the more liberal judges in upholding the

constitutionality of the act.

“I expect the Supreme Court to uphold the Obama health care law in its entirety by a vote of 6-3 with Chief Justice Roberts writing for the majority, with a concurring opinion by Justice Kennedy, and with several very angry dissents by Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Alito,” Tribe wrote in an email to the Crimson. “Nobody has a crystal ball, of course, but that’s my best bet.”

Burt agreed that Roberts might vote for the act, if only to write the majority and construe the court’s decision in an extremely narrow sense. He added that though he expected Scalia to vote against the act, it was possible that he would draw upon his own

opinion from “Gonzales v. Raich,” where he as part of the majority ruled that the federal government has the right to ban medicinal marijuana even when overriding a state’s decision to legalize it, acknowledging the power of the federal government when regulating commerce.

Many, such as Law School professor Einer R. Elhauge, have argued that a very similar argument can be made to support the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act. But both Elhauge and Burt said that this outcome was somewhat unlikely.

“Scalia, in particular, made lots of statements that I would say are contrary to his opinion in the medical marijuana case,” Elhauge said.

# U.S. Senate reaches deal to keep student loan rates low

**By Adelyn Baxter**  
DAILY CALIFORNIAN, U. CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY VIA UWIRE

U.S. Senate leaders announced Tuesday that they have reached a deal that will allow them to avoid increasing student loan interest rates, just five days before the rates were set to double.

In the months leading up to the expiration, Democrat and Republican leaders largely agreed on the necessity of maintaining the current 3.4 percent interest rate, but differed on how to generate the \$6 billion in subsidies needed to maintain the reduced interest rates to keep rates from doubling for more than 7 million students with Stafford loans.

President Barack Obama

and college students around the country have campaigned to push for congressional action to stop the increase.

“We’re pleased that the Senate has reached a deal to keep rates low and continue offering hard-working students a fair shot at an affordable education,” reads a statement issued by the White House Office of the Press Secretary on Tuesday. “Higher education has never been more important to getting a good job.”

If Congress does not pass the Stop the Rate Hike Act of 2012 by the end of the month, rates will double to 6.8 percent for students with Stafford loans. The bill still needs to be voted on by Congress by the July 1 deadline.



# SPORTS

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## Two MU football seniors earn national attention

BY ADAM ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Marshall football players have already received national attention before the Thundering Herd begins the 2012 season.

Tuesday afternoon senior punt returner Andre Booker was named to the 2012 College Football Performance Awards Special Teams Watch List.

Fellow senior Aaron Dobson joined Booker Wednesday when Dobson was tabbed as a preseason All-Conference USA first team selection by Blue Ribbon.

“The recognition that Aaron and Andre have received over the past couple of days is a product of their immense talent,” head coach Doc Holliday said. “These

are two of our seniors and I’m confident in their ability to help lead this program.”

Booker, a Sarasota, Fla., native, began last fall with a bang following an 87-yard punt return for a touchdown in the Friends of Coal Bowl against West Virginia for Marshall’s first score of the year.

Booker ended the 2011 season with 18 punt returns for 195 yards and the aforementioned score and also chipped in 33 kick returns for 819 yards as well as 116 receiving yards on six catches.

Dobson, a Dunbar, W.Va., native, made nation-wide news last year in the Herd’s final regular season game against East Carolina when he went leaping into the air over Pirates defensive back

Derek Blacknall and made a one-handed, backhanded catch later deemed by the media as “The Catch.”

Dobson finished the season with 49 receptions for 668 yards and 12 touchdown grabs after hauling in seven catches for 81 yards and two scores in Marshall’s 20-10 win over Florida International in the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s Bowl St. Petersburg.

The 10-point victory for the Herd over the Panthers in St. Petersburg gave Marshall its second bowl win in three seasons and pushed its record to 7-6 for the 2011 season.

Marshall begins the 2012 schedule against WVU Sept.1 in Morgantown.

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ABOVE: Senior punt returner Andre Booker makes his way down Mountaineer Field on a punt return during the first quarter of the 2011 Friends of Coal Bowl against West Virginia. Booker was named to the 2012 College Football Performance Awards Special Teams Watch List Tuesday.

MARCUS CONSTANTINO | THE PARTHENON

LEFT: Senior wide receiver Aaron Dobson pulls in “The Catch.” Dobson’s one-handed, behind-the-back circus catch came in the second quarter of Marshall’s 34-27 victory over ECU in 2011. Dobson was named to the 2012 preseason All-Conference USA first team by Blue Ribbon Wednesday.

BERNIE ELLIOT | FOR THE PARTHENON

## Former players discuss new Herd football season



ADAM ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall football is entering its third season with Doc Holliday leading the program.

Holliday and the

Thundering Herd finished last season with a bang following a 20-10 win over Florida International in the Beef ‘O’ Brady’s Bowl St. Petersburg.

Expectations from

former Herd players are high for the 2012 edition of the kelly green and white after claiming its second bowl win three seasons.

“I just expect this season to be better than the

last,” Chris Crocker, a former Marshall defensive back from 1998-2002, said. “You just want to see the

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### COLUMN

## Herd’s Tinnon should get extra eligibility year

BY AARON PAYNE  
THE PARTHENON

I am not perfect.

I occasionally procrastinate when it comes to important things.

I have an overdue bill on occasion, I put off an assignment or two until the last minute, heck, I might miss a shower or two during a busy week.

However, those things only affect me, no one else.

With all that being put out there, we are almost in the month of July and the NCAA men’s basketball season ended in March and there is still no word on whether or not Marshall Forward Dennis Tinnon will be allowed his senior year.

I understand the difficulties the NCAA might run across while getting to Tinnon’s case.

For one, it can’t start dealing with the 2012-2013 academic year until the end of the 2011-2012

academic year. Also, on top of dealing with players already in college, the NCAA has to deal with all the high school athletes that have just graduated and are trying to become eligible.

Plus, you can add the uniqueness of Tinnon’s situation. A 2007 high-school dropout who then came back to graduate in 2009, played for a JUCO for two seasons and then played last season for a Division I school.

That doesn’t happen all the time. I understand that.

But if this is one of the purposes for the NCAA, shouldn’t they be able to do it in such a manner that doesn’t drag young people along, creating an uncertain future for someone who has worked hard to be where they are.

Tinnon excelled for the

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# OPINION

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### The First Amendment

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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### COLUMN

## Mandate wrong, but health care bill should stay

By Jeremiah Yates

THE DAILY ATHENAEUM, WEST VIRGINIA U. VIA UWIRE

The U.S. Supreme Court will decide Thursday whether the mandate which requires all Americans to purchase health insurance is constitutional.

President Barack Obama has been under fire since the 2010 passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, informally known as "Obamacare."

Proponents of the bill say it widens the scope of coverage for many Americans and supplies health insurance to millions of people who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

Those against the historic legislation claim it allows the federal government to gain too much power, and the federal government should not be able to determine what goods or services Americans must pay for.

While most agree the United States needs health care reform, the method to achieve it stirs much controversy.

In truth, it isn't right for the government to be able to mandate coverage for anyone, but that is not what really bothers Republicans and those in the health industry.

The health industry simply doesn't want competition.

Americans overpay for health services – this fact is accepted by most. If you go to the doctor for some minor pains, most likely he or she will give your some over-the-counter pain relievers which at the drug store may cost a few dollars, but at the doctor's office will cost quadruple that amount.

It's highway robbery.

Most critics of Obamacare are quick to attack the president because of the mandate. While it was his administration that drafted the bill, the mandate was not his purpose.

According to a PBS Frontline report, Obama campaigned against the mandate, but it was the health industry's heavy influence on Washington that destined the mandate for the president's desk.

Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Finance Max Baucus should be at the forefront of the blame for the ragged deal. He dealt with the lobbyists behind closed doors and bowed to their demands.

Baucus even received \$2,551,930 in campaign contributions from special interest groups in the health industry prior to his dealing with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

I can't agree with the outcome of the bill, but at least it's a step in the right direction.

If the mandate is ruled unconstitutional, the rest of the bill should be reworked and not thrown in the trash like every other effort to improve the health industry.

During the '90s, former President Bill Clinton attempted to push a universal health care bill that was championed by his wife, Hilary Clinton. The bill, which exceeded 1,000 pages, was turned down without any consideration from the other side. The late Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a U.S. senator from New York and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, was reported saying "I'm not even going to read it" when Clinton's bill arrived at his desk.

Many believe Clinton's failings were a result of him not playing the political game correctly – a game every politician must play to pass any legislation.

Obama's strategy was to get support from all sides of the debate, which has turned out to be a double-edged sword for his agenda.

## ONLINE POLLS

### What do you love most about 4th of July?

- Hotdogs ■ Fireworks
- Camping ■ Pool parties
- Spending time with family

Results will be posted in next week's edition of The Parthenon.

### The following are the results from last week's poll question: "What is your favorite summer activity?"

- Going to the beach - 26% - 5 Votes
- Sleeping in - 16% - 3 votes
- Taking road trips - 26% - 5 votes
- Having cookouts - 11% - 2 votes
- Going to baseball games - 21% - 4 votes

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### EDITORIAL

## Gas prices down ... blame Obama?

Americans complaining about gas prices has always bugged me.

Yes, it really was not fun when gas was over \$4 a gallon last year and it cost me around \$50 to fill my Corolla, but I was just in Spain where I saw gas for 1.29 euro a liter ... that comes down to about \$5.68 a gallon - yeah, now that would really not be fun.

Of course we're not in Spain, we're in America and gas prices here hurt. As a college student with a wife, five part-time jobs and two dogs to feed I get how every penny taken away hurts. But seriously, we really don't have it that bad.

Point in case: On my way to work tonight I saw regular unleaded for \$3.24 a gallon at a Marthon on Hal Greer. I almost turned into oncoming traffic to take advantage of what I felt must be a miracle, but I remembered I just filled up the day before and saved myself and others from possible injury or death.

I don't feel too cheated. I got my gas for \$3.39 a gallon which I feel is extremely awesome.

Enough of my local ramblings.

The headline to this editorial is inspired by a bumper sticker I saw on Facebook. It really got me thinking because many people spend what seems their every waking moment downing our current President and blaming him for everything from the weather to Kim Kardasian being famous.

But with gas prices going down, before the 4th of July no less, the usually so vocal critics aren't blaming this on him.

Oh the hypocrisy.

I could sit here and pretend I'm surprised while writing this but that would be a lie. I learned a long time ago that people will be ignorant no matter what and trying to change, enlighten or even explain simple truths to them will do nothing but give you a headache.

Actually, just thinking about it gives me a headache so I'm going to focus on my loving gas prices and hope they continue to spiral downward.

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## BLUNDERGRADS

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### COLUMN

## The complex web that is Syria's civil war

By Benson Amollo

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Bashar al-Assad, the sick man of Syria, is deeply sickening himself to a tragic Waterloo. With this Middle Eastern country's official resignation to a civil war — it is now all and sundry that Assad might be warming his way to what Libya's Muammar Gaddafi was too insane to avoid. The united front by the United States and the United Kingdom, seem to be making all the perfect sense as to predict the calamity that awaits Syria: The world's greatest powers are sworn to the resolve that Assad must go. And he might go and, perhaps, go like Gaddafi.

When the initial wave of protests rocked the Middle East, catapulting into what became known as the "Arab Spring," Syria was nowhere close to the equation. But a year and several U.N.-backed ceasefires later, Syria is now engulfed in a full blown civil war. This despite numerous sanctions and a protracted diplomacy by former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.

The events in Syria today have been a product of Assad's repressive regime characterized in bloody massacres. One thing is, however, striking; that in this regime as sick as to the officialdom of the worst human butchering — women are the elite; the movers and shakers of Syria's crème de la crème! Who would have thought? Where's the feminine compassion when it's mostly sought for? Or is Syria's feminine inclusion a lip gloss to cover up all the muscle that fuels the heat frying up the innocent souls hungering for freedom? This line has been the least exploited in debating Syria's debacle.

The contrast Syria poses with regard to human rights by femininity casts the complex web in the face of navigating a way

out of the crisis. Why? Unlike Egypt and Libya, Syria's "some-regard" to women and freedom of religion places it ahead of most regimes in the Middle East. But scores of tens of thousands dead, there's no larger good than can speak for the unwarranted loss of those innocent lives.

With the United States' intelligence closing in on Syria's border from Pakistan and a Turkish regime rearing to go against an offensive Assad, there will be cause to remember the religious complexity that fuels Syria's troubles. Because this isn't ending with Assad yet. The ruling elite are Alawite Muslims, a branch of Shia, and as a small minority group, the government has found it useful to promote other minorities, producing progressive results for perhaps the wrong reasons. There are a few Jews, and 10 percent of the population are Christian, 16 percent are Druze, Alawite and Shia, while the 74 percent majority are Sunni. However, it is from this religious mix that much of today's trouble stems.

In Libya and Egypt, there was a definite opposition and leaders willing to co-operate against the government. In Syria, this is not the case and co-ordination is still desperately lacking. The United Nations want dialogue with representative official figures, but with the pockets of resistance all fighting for different sects, different causes and in different demographics, the likelihood of success is low.

The Sunni-led Syrian National Congress has failed to win support from the large minority groups, who have resisted on the grounds that the SNC is dominated by the Muslim Brotherhood and unrepresentative of the rest. The Muslim Brotherhood are apparently strong supporters of democracy, of sexual equality and while their belief in internal discipline and

support for Sharia law remains a worry to the West, their comparative moderation may be the best compromise in a post-Bashar government.

But moderation seems a long way off; this is a part of the world where revenge is not just sweet, it is a duty. Alawite communities are petrified of repercussions should the Alawite-led regime fall. The most recent atrocities on civilians in Houla, are widely felt to have been the work of the Shabiha, the Alawite militia who support the regime, and revenge attacks are an ongoing concern.

As a strict Sunni monarchy, Saudi Arabia, and other Gulf States, now actively finances Syrian rebels and lobbying hard for the United States to step up its involvement against Assad's regime. But with evidence of al-Qaida participation, and many attacks carrying the hallmarks of those with bomb-making experience from Iraq, the United States finds itself in a tricky situation. It is hard to see any outcome other than further descent into violence and bloody sectarian disaster. No group looks like it can win, and yet no one is prepared to recognize that they can't.

Ironically, Russia, the regime's key ally, could now be the key to a path towards a solution. The United States and the United Kingdom have made their stance quite clear from the outset — that Bashar must go. This bold statement, however, gives little room for negotiation; with their backs against the wall, the regime will want to fight to the death. Russia sees its involvement in other countries' civil wars as a grave mistake and has so far resisted attempts at international action against Syria. But as its patience runs out with the Syrian government, Russia may be the only chance in persuading Assad's regime it must give up, and exile in Russia is their only hope.



# Mountaineers will face first Big 12 road test against Texas

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A rambunctious crowd of more than 100,000 will await the West Virginia football team for its inaugural Big 12 Conference road game Oct. 6 when it travels to Texas Memorial Stadium to battle the conference-gem Texas Longhorns.

The Longhorns, who are ready to bounce back after a couple of down years, will welcome West Virginia to Austin for the first time since 1956. The Mountaineers won the only game between the two schools, 7-6, in a defensive battle.

The West Virginia defense will look to be a major influence once again, particularly against the Longhorn rushing attack. Texas features a herd of running backs who rushed for a total of 2,634 yards last season. Leading the Longhorn stampede was sophomore Malcolm Brown, who will look to build on his freshman season, when he ran for 742 yards and five touchdowns. Joining Brown in the Texas backfield is fellow super sophomore Joe Bergeron. Bergeron rushed for 463 yards and five scores in his debut season playing for his home state's Longhorns. Seniors D.J. Monroe, Jeremy Hills and sophomore Heath Hohmann will also look to contribute to the UT rushing attack.

While the Longhorns operate a stable of running backs, there is a revolving door at the quarterback position. Last season, sophomore David Ash shared time with junior Case McCoy, younger brother to Texas star Colt McCoy, now with the Cleveland Browns.

While Ash led the Longhorns in passing yards with 1,068, he struggled with efficiency, throwing just four touchdowns compared to eight interceptions. McCoy tossed the ball for 1,045 yards and seven touchdowns while only throwing four picks.

It will be interesting to see how the Longhorns' quarterback situation develops through the summer and into the season. Will Ash – who has all the physical tools you can ask a gunslinger to have – emerge as the starter, or will it be McCoy who captures the hearts of the Texas faithful with his gutsy play? Of course, the Longhorns could continue to allocate both quarterbacks playing time like they did last season.

While the Longhorns are struggling to find their leader under center, the rest of the squad looks to build upon last year's success. Returning 10 seniors on offense, Texas may just be a quarterback away from contending for the national championship, especially with their stingy defense made up of a number of five-star Texas recruits.

Last season, the Longhorns owned a defense that finished No. 11 in the nation in a conference known for their offensive fire power. West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith will have to be on his toes with two of Texas' six defensive starters coming along the defensive line.

Senior defensive end Alex Okafor as well as junior defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat will look to neutralize Smith, and Coach Dana Holgorsen's pass happy Mountaineers. Okafor registered seven sacks last season while Jeffcoat recorded eight, helping the Texas defense rank No. 10 in defensive pass efficiency.

The Longhorns are expected to lead the Big 12 in defense next year, but if there's a weakness, it comes along the interior. Not only do the Longhorns have to replace linebackers Emmanuel Echo and Keenan Robinson, both to the NFL, but there is a gap in the interior defensive line. Incoming freshman Malcolm Brown, the fifth best recruit according to Scouts.com, will look to be a major contributor as well



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West Virginia head coach Dana Holgorsen patrols the sideline during the 2011 Friends of Coal Bowl. Holgorsen is entering his second season as the helm of the Mountaineer football program.

as junior college transfer Brandon Moore.

With Texas' bulldozing defense as their strength, the outcome of the game

could be based on how Holgorsen and the Mountaineers' high-flying offense works against the tough Longhorn defense.

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Thundering Herd on the court. He complied 10.2 points per game and 9.97 rebounds. His performance was good enough for him to be named to the C-USA All Defensive Team. He also excelled off the court, becoming a fan favorite, while being a good husband to his wife, Robin, and a good father to his daughter, Denyah.

Throughout this process, Tinnon has not complained about his situation.

A quick glance at one of his social media pages and you will see posts such as "Working hard day in and day out, hope it pays off." Or "I hope I get my (year) back. I need it. I worked for it."

That's right NCAA,

while a lot of people in his situation would complain and be angry, Tinnon has been patient and continues to work hard for himself, his family and his teammates.

Not only has Tinnon been working hard, so have the men's basketball staff, the athletic department and Marshall's Compliance Office to create and compile the documentation Tinnon needs to plead his unique case.

With all of these people working hard NCAA, could you please consider working just a little bit harder to decide the man's future?

If at least to let him know here he needs to focus his determination and admirable work ethic.

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program growing. Just as long as they're winning more games than last year, you know they're going in the right direction."

You might think it difficult for Crocker and fellow former Herd players to follow Marshall football, but somehow they find a way.

"I get to come back probably twice a year, but I don't get to interact with the guys as much as I probably should," Crocker said. "I watch as many games as I possibly can. Once you're two or three years removed it's hard to follow because you don't know the guys anymore, so you follow from afar."

"I always follow Marshall football," Doug Legursky, a former Herd offensive lineman from 2004-07, said. "Either through Twitter, things on Facebook and I still have a lot of connections here and keep up with the guys."

"With social media the way it is today, it's not very difficult," Chris Massey, a former Marshall long snapper from 1997-2001,

said. "I'm always checking scores of the game on Saturday. Coach Gale always does a good of sending us the weekly newsletters to the facilities where we are at so we can catch up on all the latest news and gossip the Herd is going through."

If the Herd cannot live up the expectations placed on it, Legursky provides some hope for Marshall fans.

"Whenever a new coaching staff comes in it takes a little time for them to turn things around and for them to get on track," Legursky said. "In these next couple years I really think they're going to hit their peak, and sky's the limit if they can stay focused, stay hungry and work hard."

These former Herd stars and fans expectations will be put to test when Marshall looks for its first ever victory over West Virginia in the final contracted year of the Friends of Coal Bowl.

Marshall has come close to knocking off WVU twice in the 11 game series, losing 17-15 in the first meeting in 1911 and 24-21 in overtime in 2010.

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TYLER KES | THE PARTHENON

John Hall collects trash from rooms Wednesday in Smith Hall. Hall has been working at Marshall as a custodian for two and a half years.

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the most horrific of messes cleaned up.

"It's embarrassing but yes, I once had to clean up a trail of diarrhea that a student left behind," Adkins said. "It's all part of the job."

Kates said he recalls a time where he had to put on rubber gloves to get a sink filled with vomit cleaned out.

"It's not fun," Kates said. Cline said there are a chosen few who do participate in writing graffiti on sides of buildings and in the stalls of restrooms.

"It is a huge waste of time

for the custodians to clean those messes up," Cline said. "It makes the campus look bad and quite frankly, it is not impressive."

Being a custodian is not the easiest job out there but for the night custodians that walk the halls of Smith Hall five times a week, being together and making the student environment a lot

cleaner is what these individuals strive for.

"Without us, the facilities here at Marshall would not be kept up," Cline said. "Students do not realize all we do to ensure that they have a clean and healthy environment to learn in."

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## Wine bar brings culture to Huntington

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After moving from Cleveland, Ohio, two years ago there was only a couple of amenities that Nicole and Josh Perrone missed about big city life, a wine bar being one of them.

With a love for wine and a little knowledge, Nicole, a theatre teacher at Marshall University, and her husband, Josh, an administrative employee for the University Physicians and Surgeons, opened Sip Wine Bar in late May.

“We really liked Huntington, we just wanted a grown-up place to go, have a nice glass of wine that was not necessarily a restaurant and we thought other people might want that too,” Nicole said.

The bar is located in Heritage Station suite #2 in between the Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation and Finds and Designs.

“I hope that the atmosphere is comfortable and relaxed and not one of those up tight atmospheres that people usually associate with wine,” Nicole said. “I had a couple of girlfriends from back home ask me what it was like and I just told them I tried to make it somewhere we would want to go hangout.”

The bar offers over 40 different wines, including a couple that have special meaning to Nicole and Josh.

“We have an Italian wine

from the vineyard that my husband and I went to on our honeymoon,” Nicole said. “My husband is from Oregon and we have a really nice Pinot Noir from Oregon. Some of the wines just have special connotations for us, those are the ones that are my favorites if I had to choose.”



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Angela Mullins, waitress from Huntington, W.Va., pours a glass of wine for customers at Sip Wine Bar on Wednesday.

Starting with glasses at 2 oz. and offering trays called flights, which contain three 2 oz. glasses of different wines. Among some of the more popular flights are the Mediterranean Whites and the Spanish Reds Nicole said. Allowing people to sample wine at a lower cost, Nicole said people have the opportunity to sample different wines that they might

not have chosen otherwise.

“We sell a lot of different wine because of the flights,” Nicole said. “I’d say every single bottle gets poured every night. I hope that people that are curious about wine will try out different kinds and not be afraid to try new things.”

Sip also offers various small plates of food containing items that complement wine, such as cheese, meat, salami and hummus.

“We try to feature local products,” Nicole said. “River and Rail Bakery makes all of our focaccia and baguettes. There is a local dairy in Gallipolis, Ohio that provides us with one of their cheeses.

“It’s pretty amazing that you can have an idea for something that you’ve always wanted to do and people say do it and the feedback is great, that’s the great thing about Huntington,” Nicole said.

As well as supporting other local businesses, Nicole and Josh try their best to support their fellow Heritage Station businesses. All of the cheeses and beers that are served at the bar are available for retail sale at Bottle and Wedge, the T-shirts the waitresses’ wear are made at Brand Yourself and the waitresses aprons were bought at Common Grounds gift shop.

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Wine is on displayed at Sip Wine Bar, located in Suite #2 at Herititage Station in Huntington, W.Va.



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Customers enjoy an afternoon glass of wine at Sip Wine Bar.



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## July 4th firework events

**The Power Park**  
TBD  
July 4

**The Dawg Dazzle**  
Harris Riverfront Park  
June 30--5 p.m.  
Inflatables//Professional wrestling

**Camden Park**  
July 4  
Activities and Entertainment  
Military Personnel receive 50 % discount with military ID  
Jabberwocky performs at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Fireworks at 10 p.m.

**Freedomfest 2012**  
Ceredo City Park  
July 4  
Patriotic Dog costume contest  
Ceredo’s Got Talent karaoke  
Food// live music// games// arts and crafts// inflatables

**Lawrence County Fair**  
July 4-July 14  
**Summer Motion**  
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